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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

SUBJECT : Crop Failures in Soviet Central Asia

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REFERENCE : [redacted]

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1. At a meeting on 27 April, [redacted] of CS outlined to ORR analysts our specific requirements for information on crop failures and poor harvests, as well as the general state of agriculture since July 1953, in northeastern Kazakhstan. The area of prime interest lies east of 73° longitude and north of Lake Balkash.

2. It is requested that research on these requirements be conducted as soon as possible and that the results of your analysis be prepared in a manner that also can be released to

25X1C [redacted] ORR analysts have estimated that this request can be fulfilled with approximately four manhours of research and writing.

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